

November 17, 2006

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Room 8-B201  
Washington, DC 20554

*Submitted electronically*

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing to express support for Cyren Call Communications' proposal (FCC RM No. 11348) to build a nationwide, wireless broadband network for public safety. America's first responders and others directly involved with protecting our homeland deserve sufficient spectrum combined with innovative funding methods to access the most advanced wireless communications services and technology.

Our nation has a unique opportunity to use a contiguous, 30 MHz block of frequencies in the upper 700 MHz band to provide public safety an advanced, nationwide communications network that would be controlled by public safety and harness the economic benefits of a shared public/private partnership with commercial wireless operators. The key elements of Cyren Call's proposal include (1) reallocating the 30 MHz block of frequencies from the planned auction of 700 MHz spectrum to public safety; (2) licensing the 30 MHz of spectrum to a Public Safety Broadband Trust that would control and manage the spectrum, (3) designing a next-generation IP-based nationwide network with extensive terrestrial coverage and satellite capabilities – all built to public safety specifications, (4) using private capital to fund a public/private shared network, and (5) enabling commercial operators to use excess capacity on the network, but giving public safety priority access. This proposal is innovative and, for the first time, cohesively resolves the multitude of problems contributing to public safety's communications problems by joining public and private interests.

I work for RACOM Corporation in Marshalltown, Iowa. RACOM operates a network in Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota that is similar to what Cyren Call is proposing for the nation. The partnership between RACOM and the many public safety entities we serve is an example of how this can work. The benefits of interoperability, cost

savings and reliable communications are proven by this network and our nation's public safety entities can all benefit from the same type of network if Cyren Call's proposal is adopted.

I urge the FCC Commissioners, Congressional Representatives and other decision-makers in Washington, D.C. to fulfill their obligation to act in the public interest. Time is of the essence and if action is not taken quickly, the frequencies will be auctioned in early 2008 for commercial purposes and this opportunity will be lost forever. Please prioritize public safety by approving Cyren Call's proposal and creating a Public Safety Broadband Trust.

Sincerely,

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